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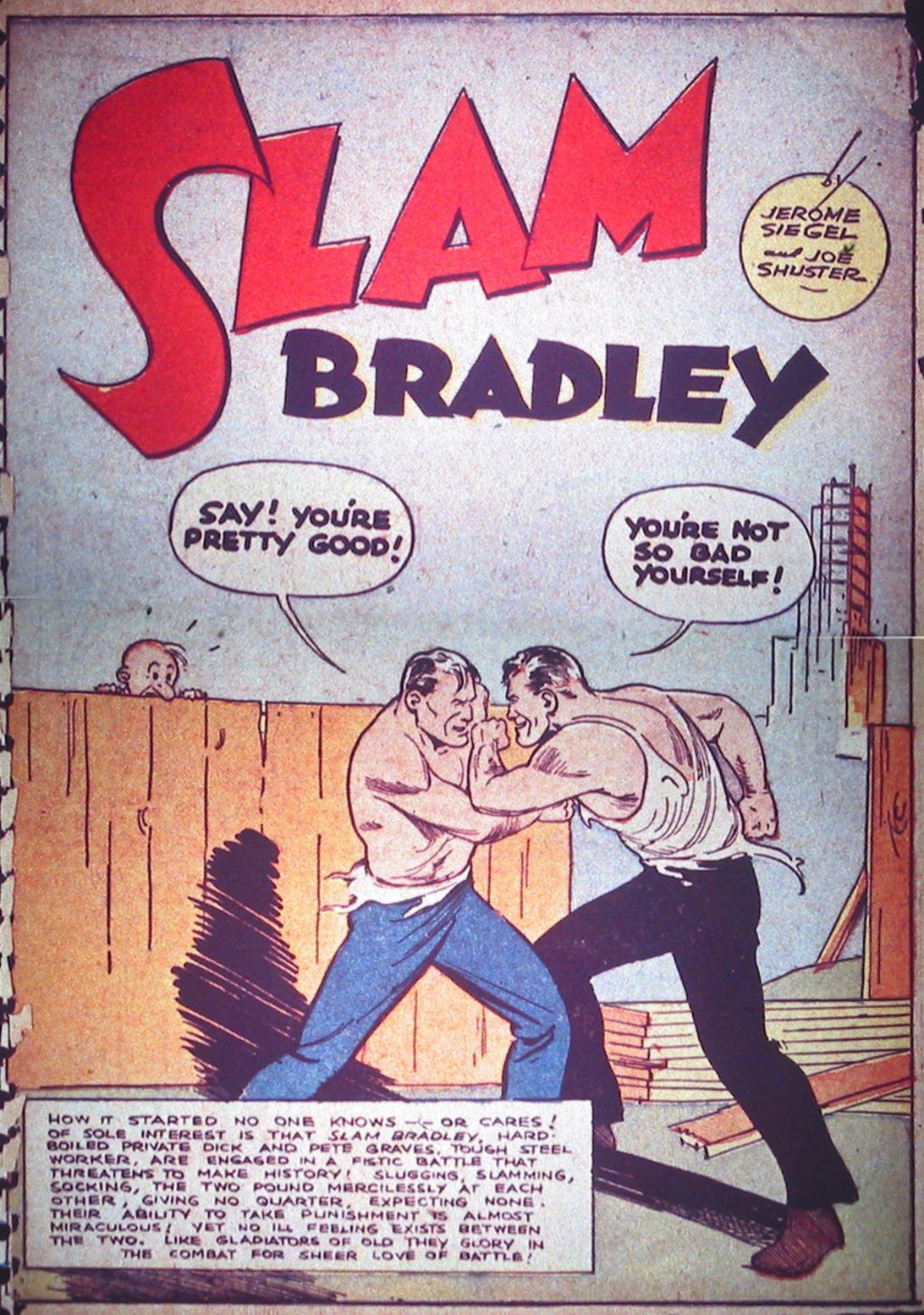
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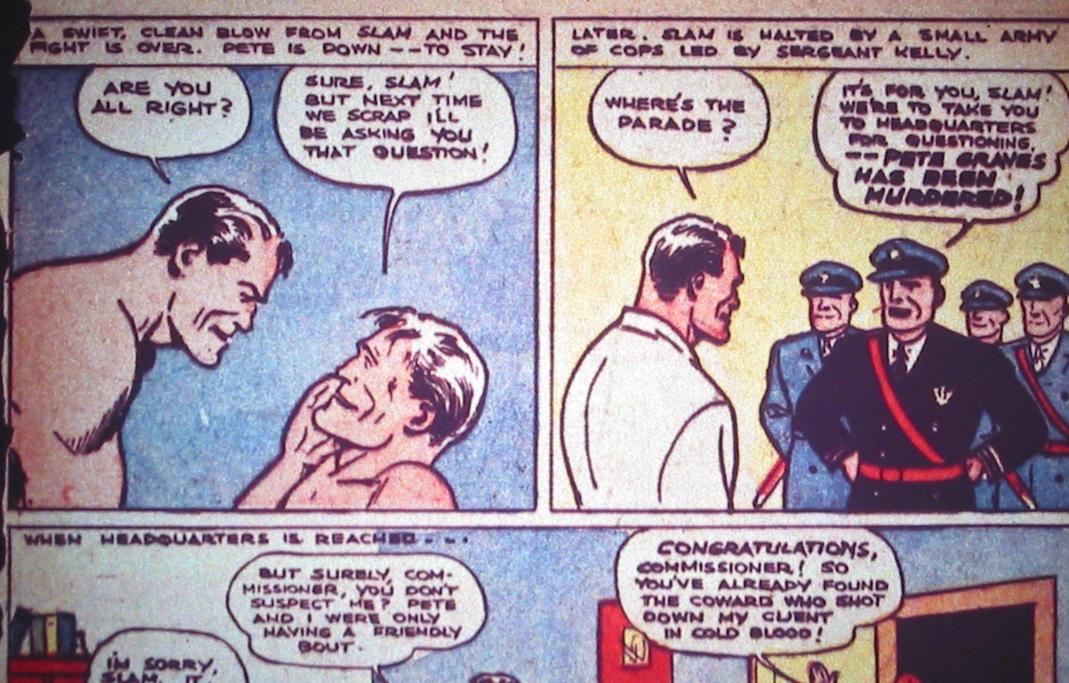
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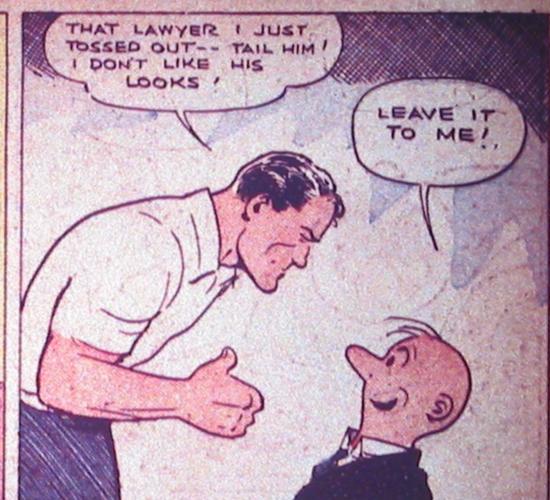


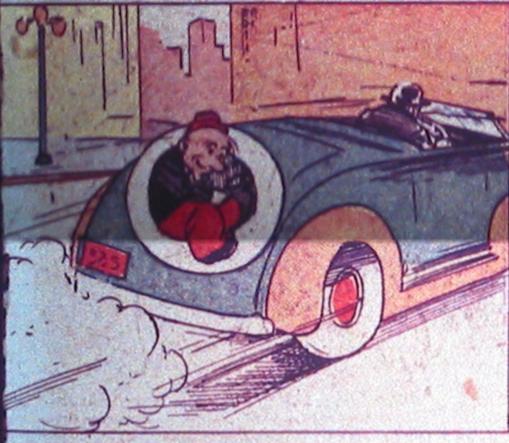




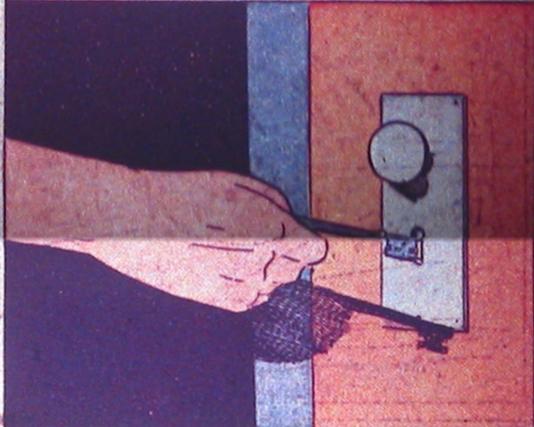






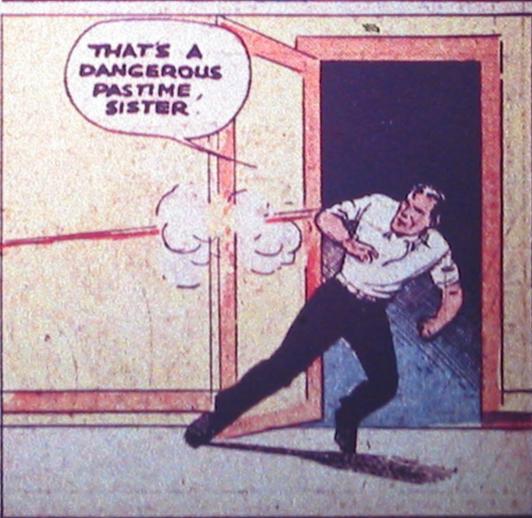


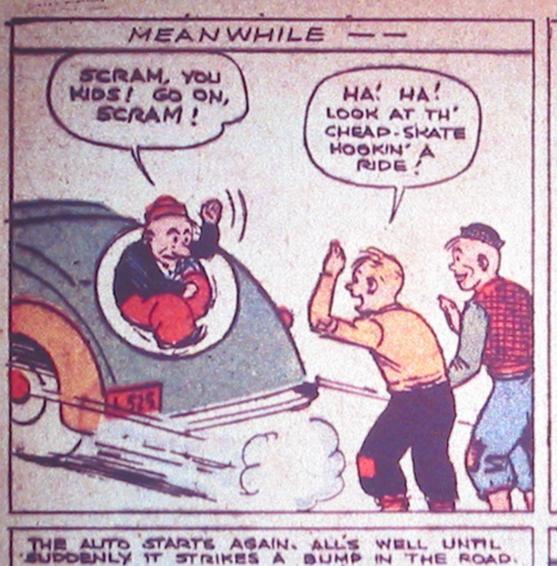
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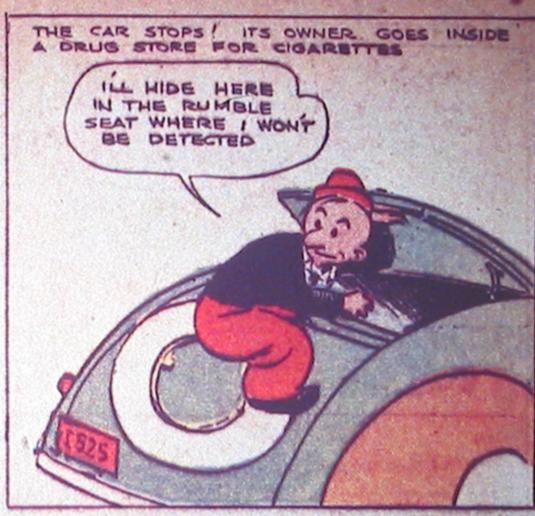


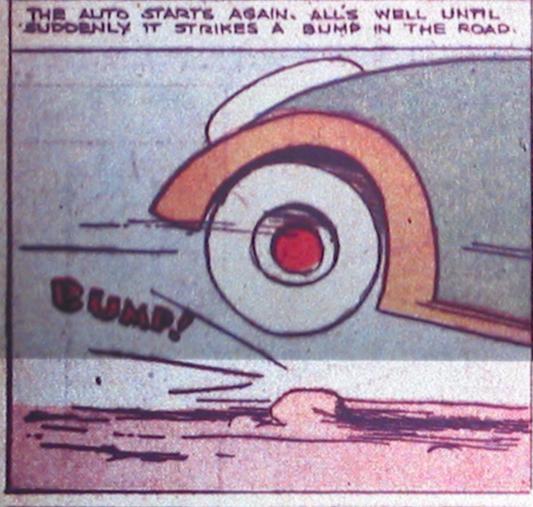
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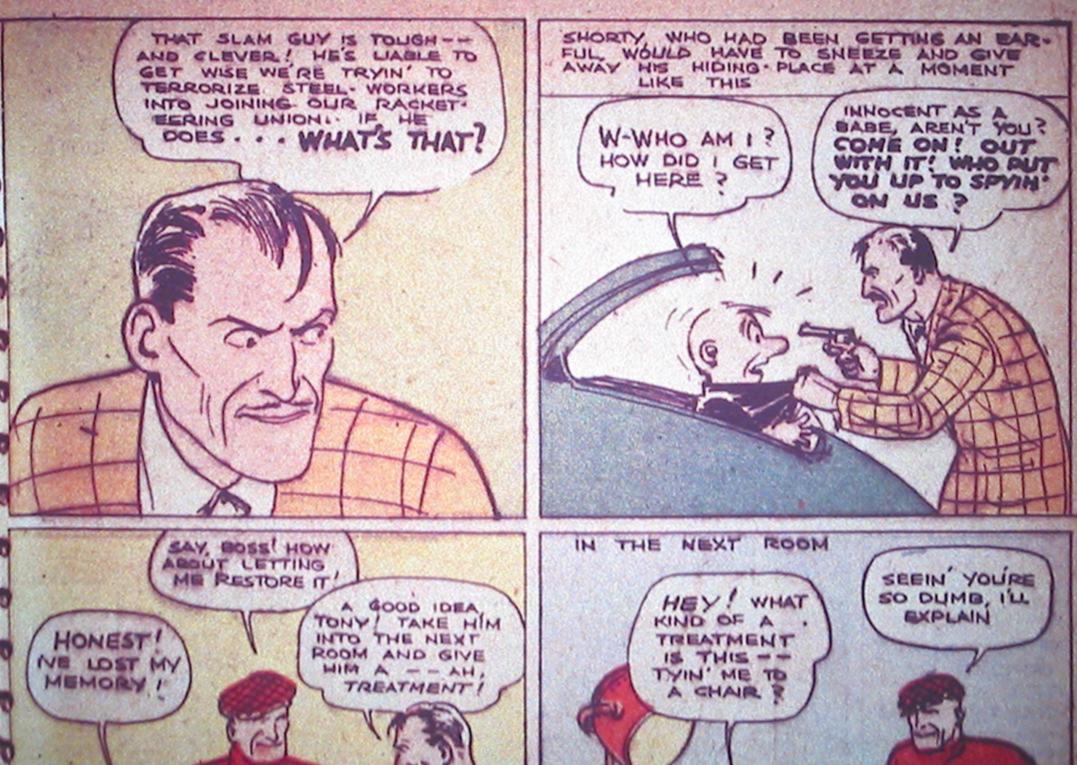










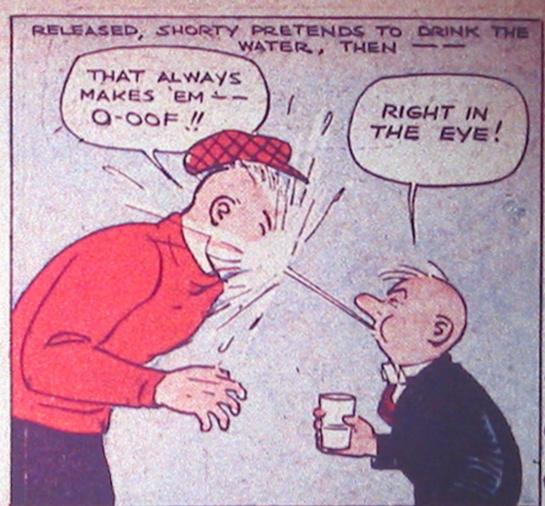






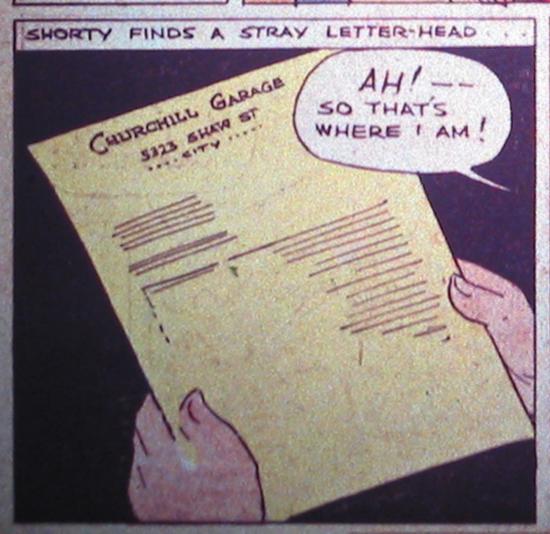


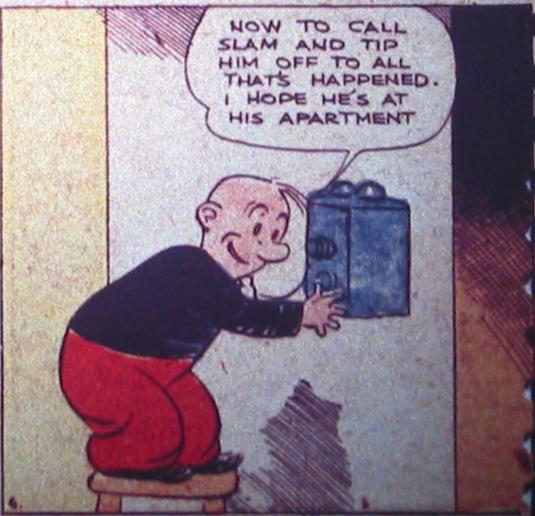




WHILE TONY
IS MOMENTARILY
BUNDED BY
THE WATER,
SHORTY KNOCKS
HIM UNCONSCIOUS, TIES
HIM TO THE
CHAIR, GAGS
HIM, THEN
PLACES THE
HEAT-LAMP
UNDER THE
SEAT OF
THE CHAIR

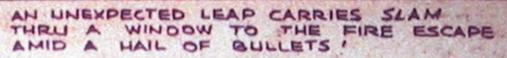










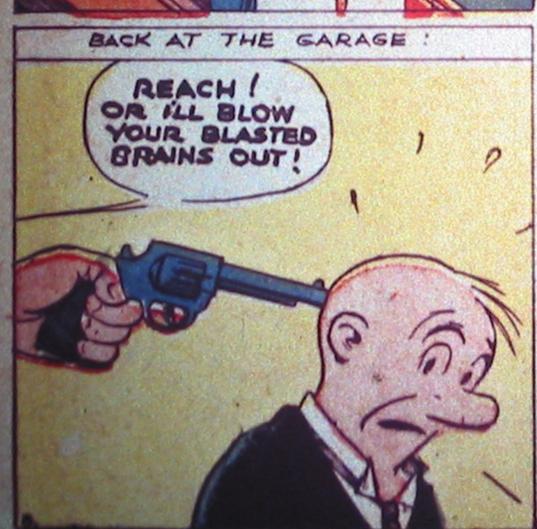


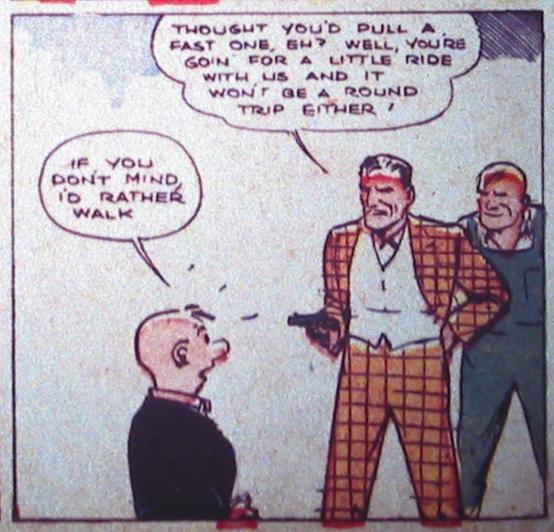




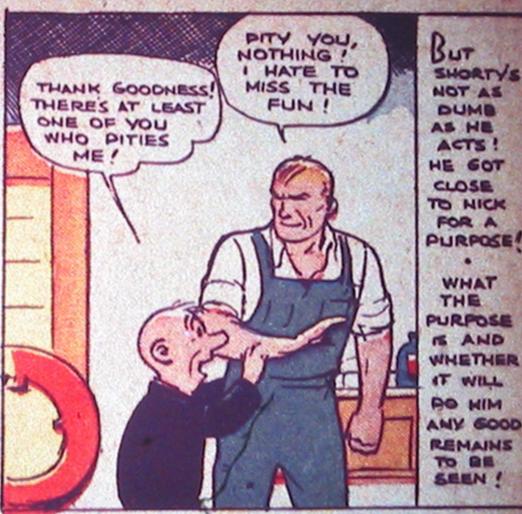








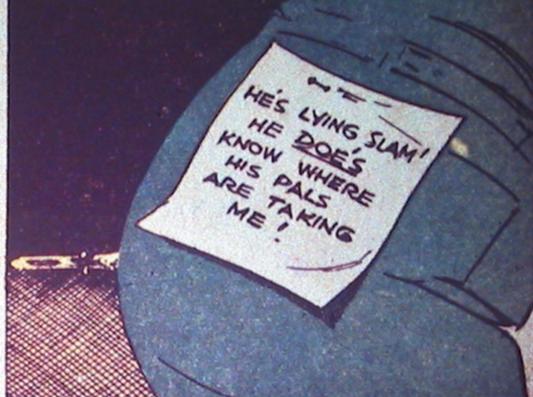


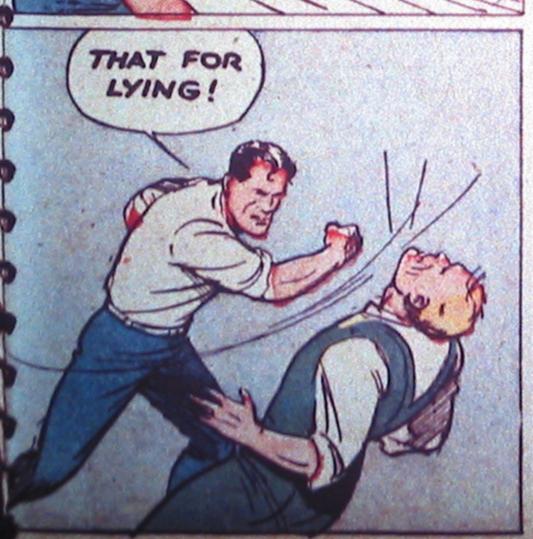




BUT AS HICK TURNS AND BENDS OVER TO-WARD THE CAR UPON WHICH HE IS WORKING. SLAM SEES A NOTE SHORTY HURRIEDLY WROTE AND PINNED TO HIS BACK



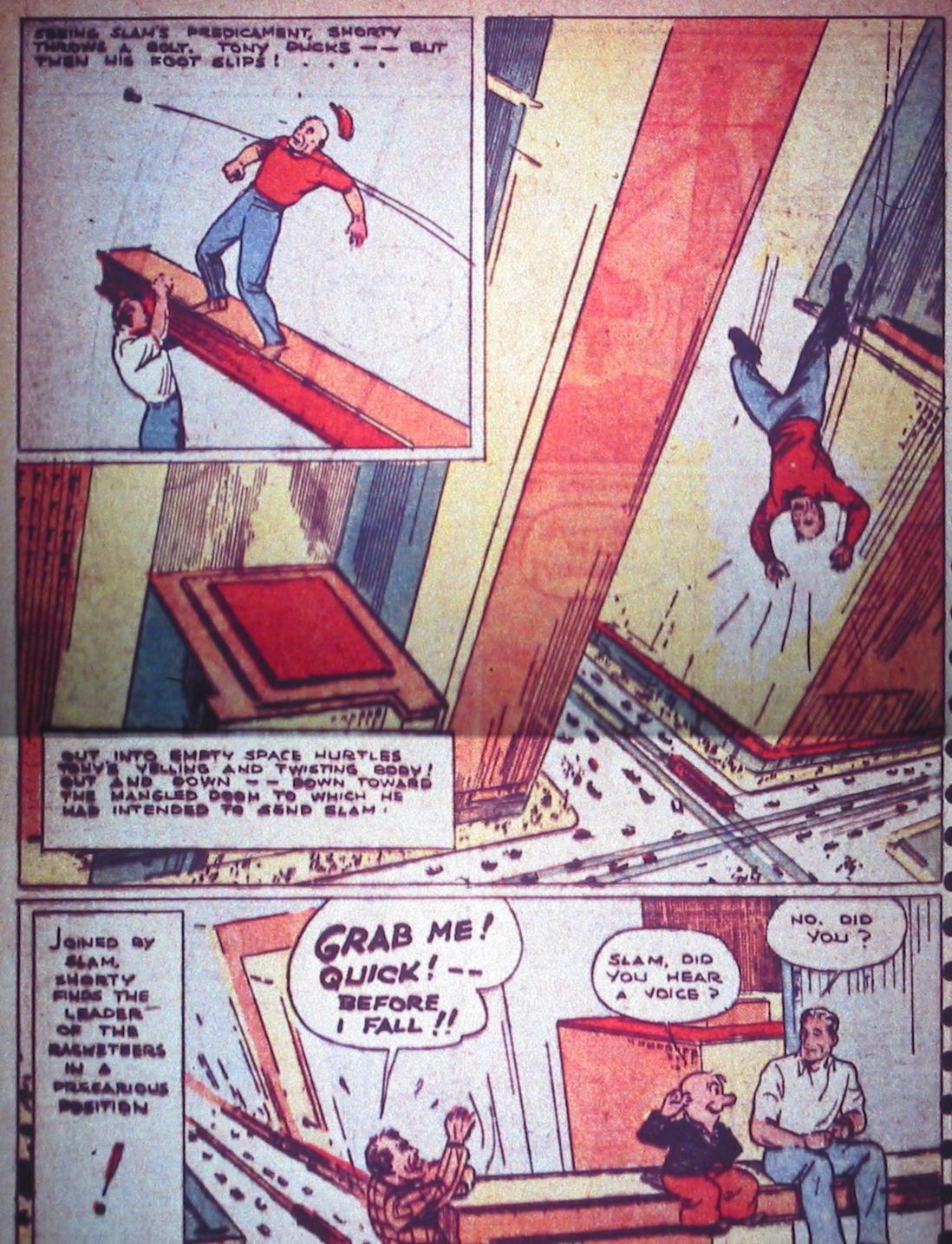


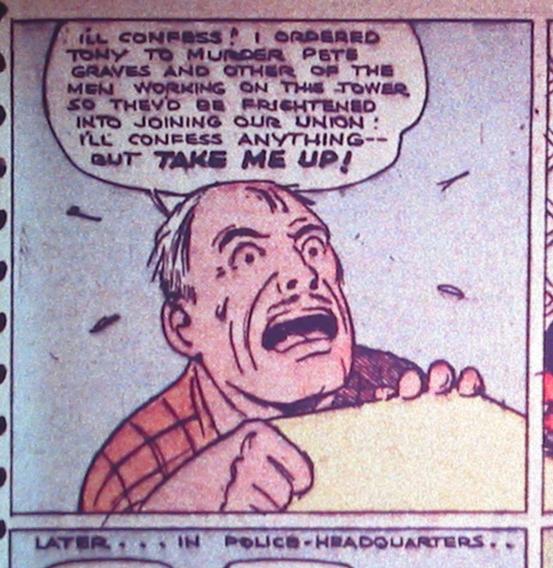




















BUCK MARSHALL BY HOMER BETECTIVE BY FLEMING



THE SHERIFF TELLS BUCK ABOUT THE BLOWING UP OF THE DAM, AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DROUGHT, THAT HELD THE WATER SUPPLYOF THE CIRCLE B RANGE. BOWER, THE OWNER SUSPECTS TAFT, THE OWNER OF THE ADJOINING RANGE AND WHO IS A LSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE



PUTTING SOME PROVISIONS IN HIS SADDLE BAG,



BUCK SUDDENLY REINS IN HIS HORSE, AS HE SEES THE BODY OF A YOUNG COWBOY LYING, FACE DOWNWARD IN A CLUMP OF



FINDING A GUNSHOT WOUND IN THE BACK-



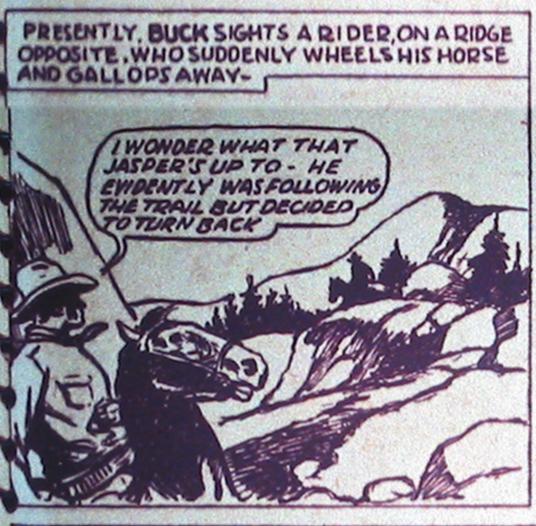


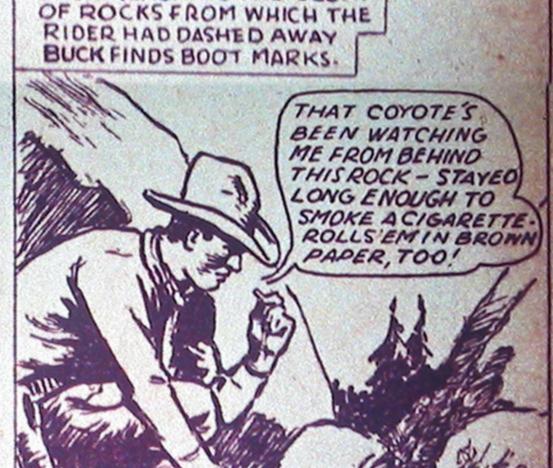




FOR SAGECITY, LEADING THE PONY.

UPON REACHING THE CLUMP







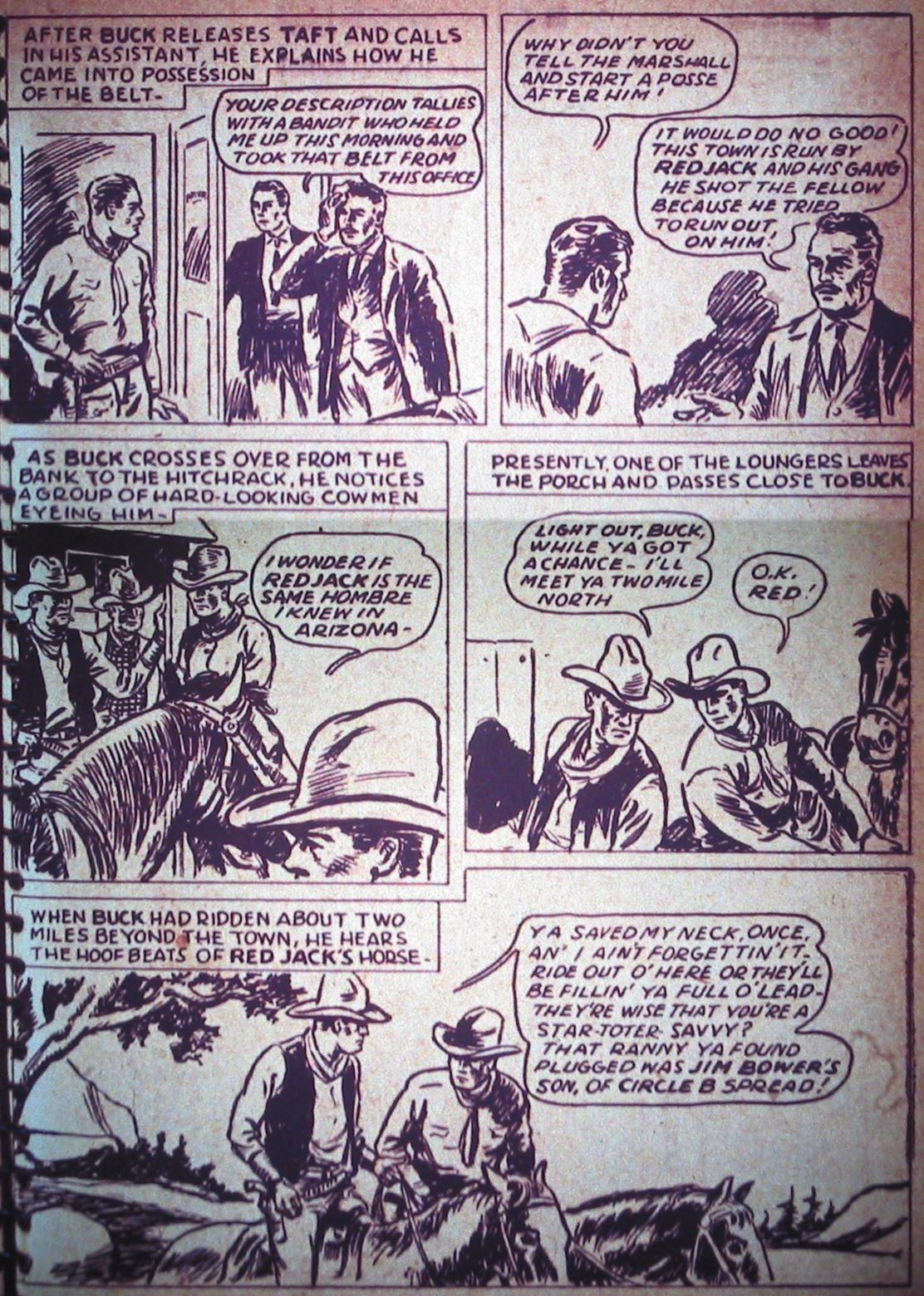












AFTER WARNING BUCK, RED JACK DIGS
HIS SPURS IN HIS BRONC AND DUSTS
BACK TO TOWN. BUCK HEADS NORTH
FOR A MILE, THEN CIRCLES BACK TO SAGE CITY.
IT IS DARK WHEN HE CAUTIOUSLY MAKES
HIS WAY ALONG THE MAIN STREET ON FOOT.



HEARING VOICES, BUCK HAS BARELY ENOUGH TIME TO DODGE INTO A DOOR WAY AS TWO MEN HAVING A HEATED ARGUMENT, PASS



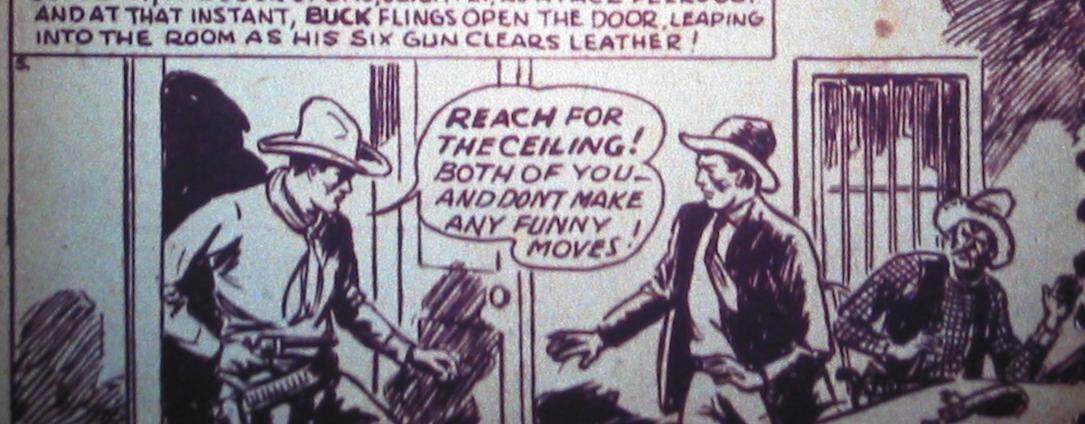
THE MEN, ONE OF WHOM HE RECOGNIZES AS TAFT'S ASSISTANT IN THE BANK.

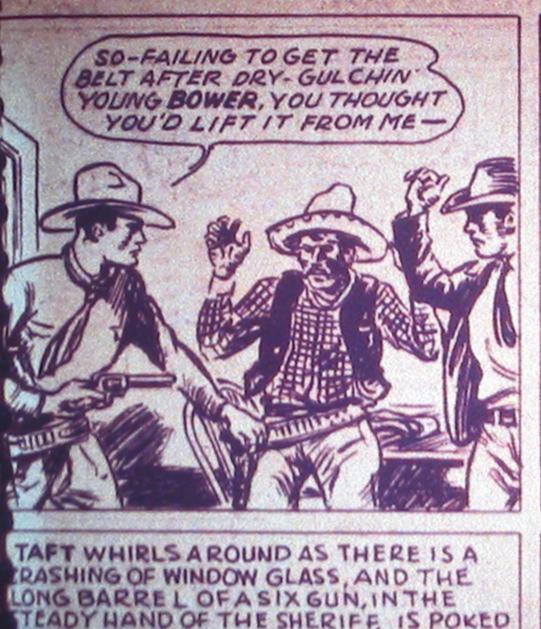


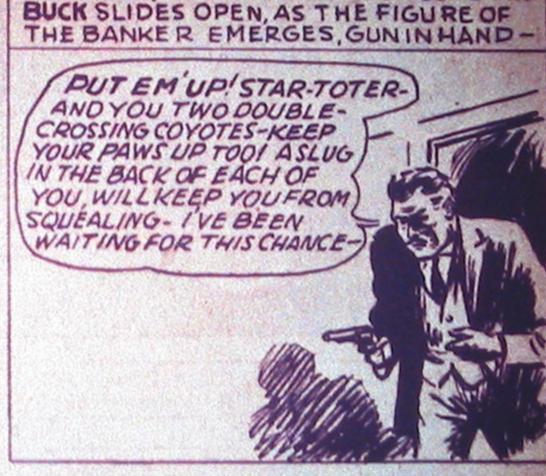
FOLLOWING THEM TO THE BANK, BUCK WATCHES AS THEY ENTER BY A REAR DOOR, PRESENTLY, A LIGHT APPEARS IN



STEPPING TO THE REAR DOOR, BUCK LISTENS - THE MEXICAN ISTALKING EXCITEDLY AND MENTIONS THE MONEY BELT-SUDDENLY, THE DOOR OPENS, SLIGHTLY, AS A FACE DEERS OUT AND AT THAT INSTANT, BUCK FLINGS OPEN THE DOOR, LEAPING INTO THE ROOM AS HIS SIX GUN CLEARS LEATHER!

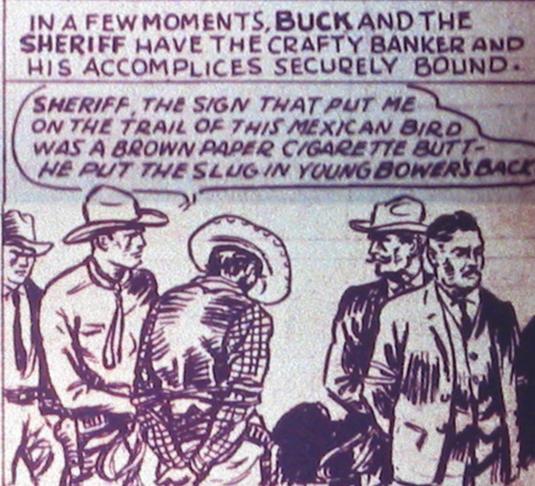


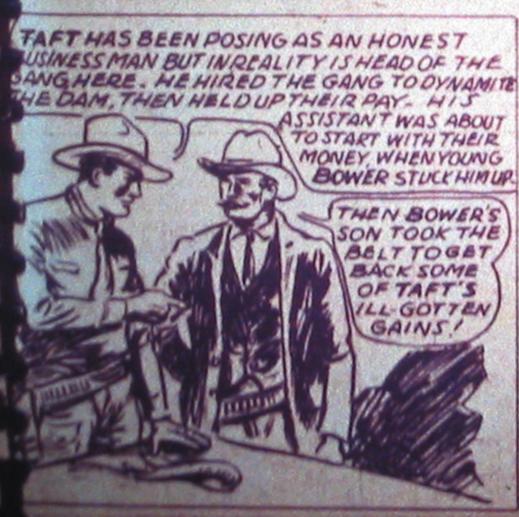


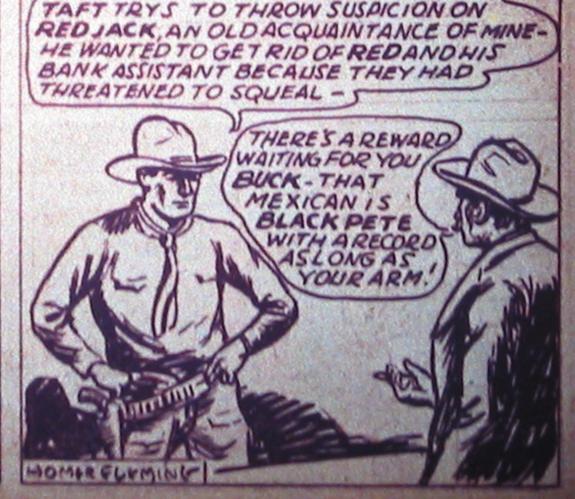


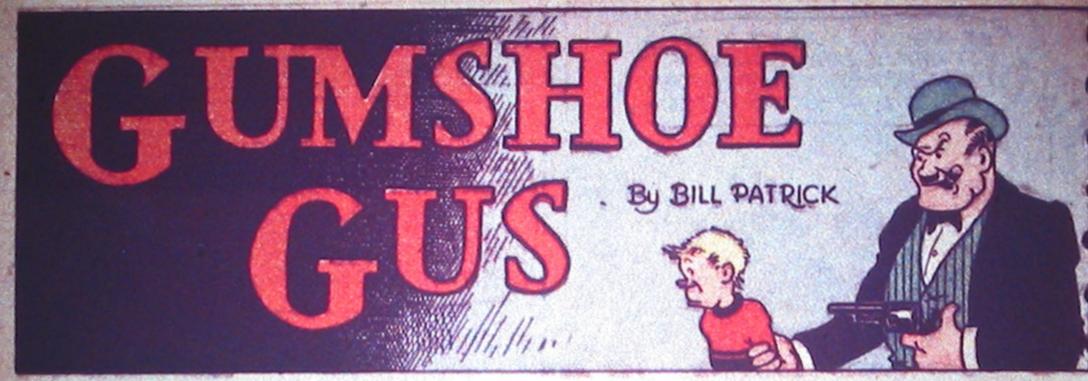
SUDDENLY, A PANEL IN THE WALL BEHIND





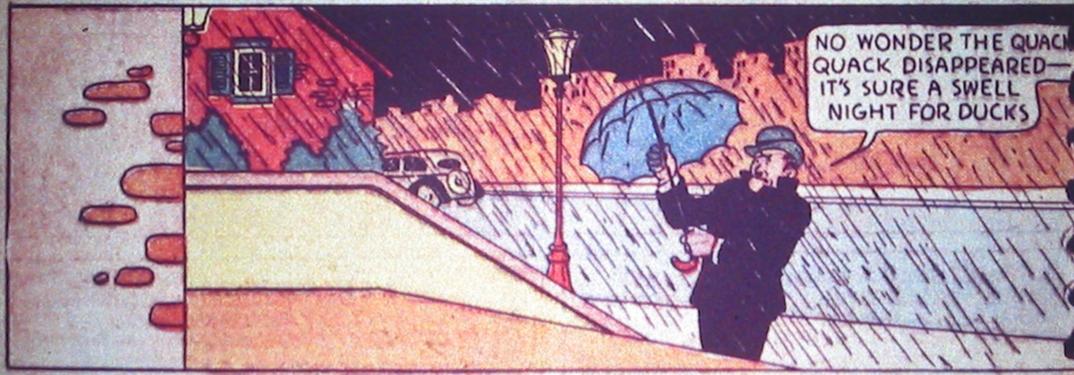




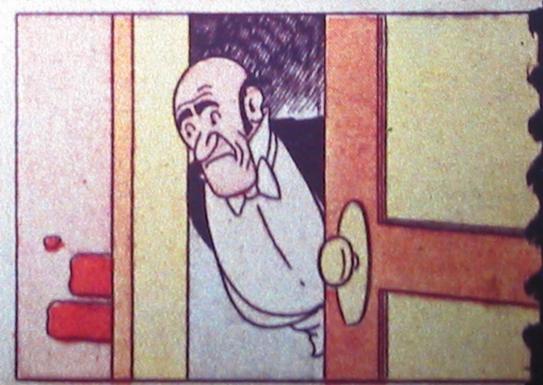






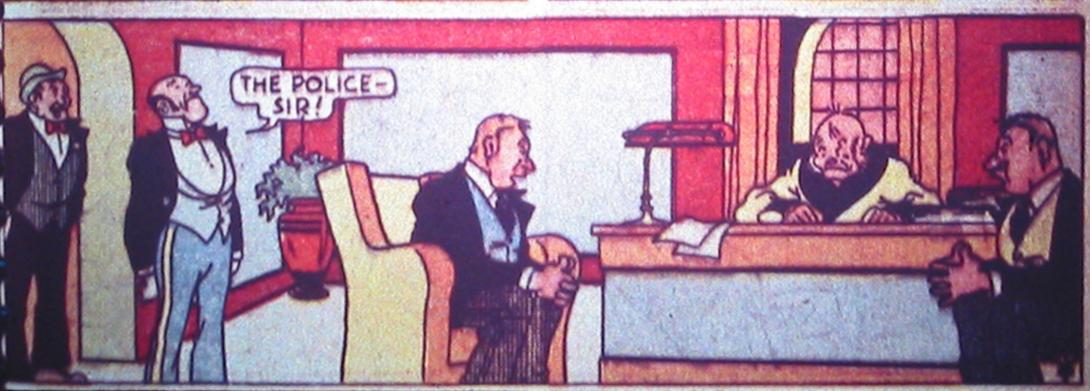


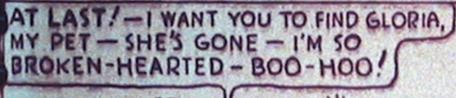


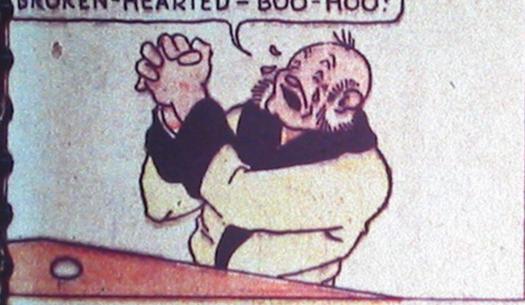




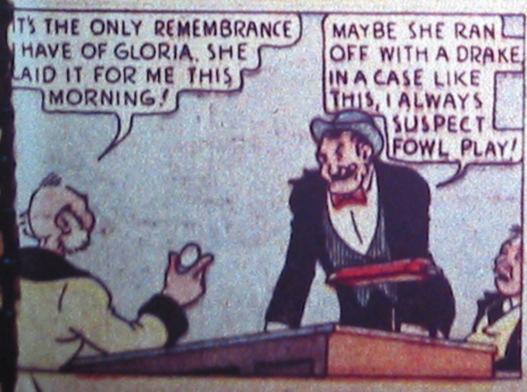


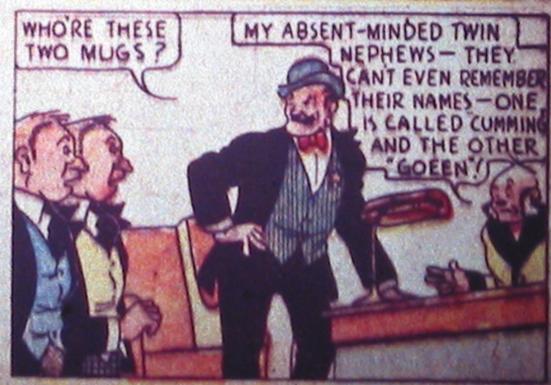




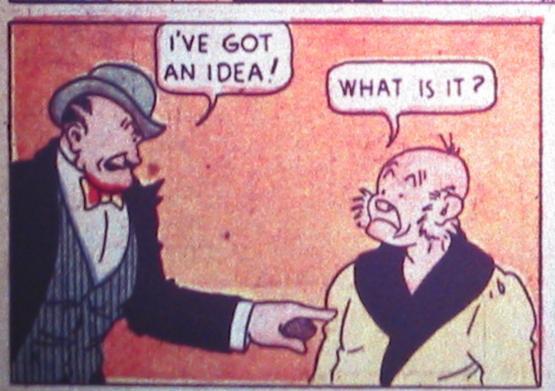




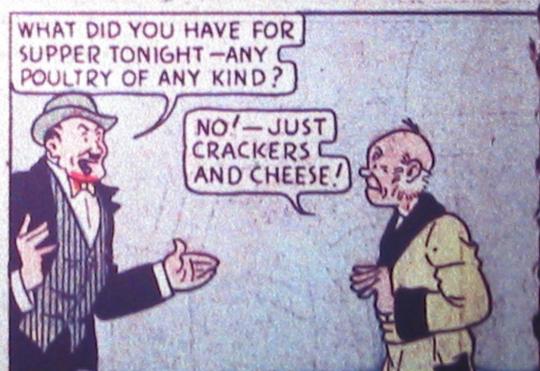








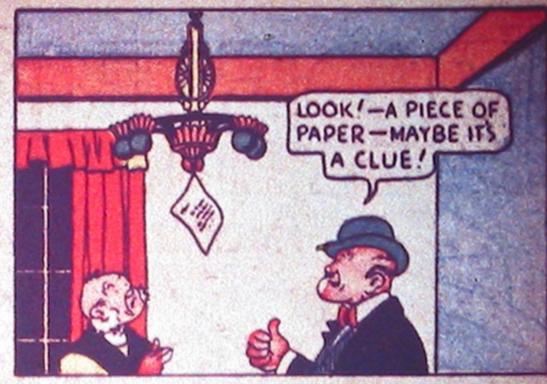




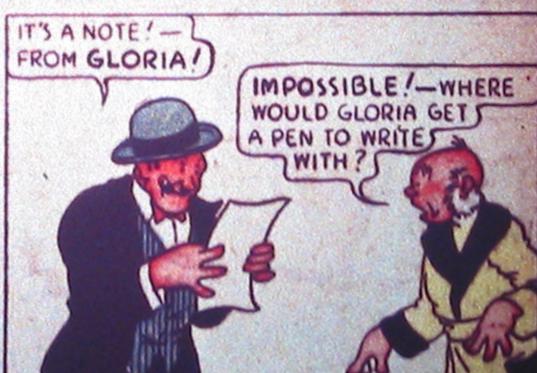




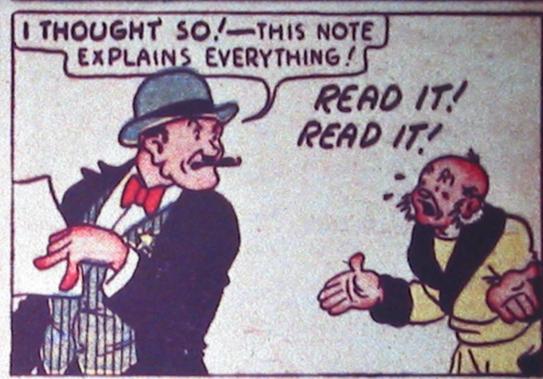












- BILL PATRICK



DEAR MASTER,—I KNOW THIS WILL COME

AS A SHOCK TO YOU—BUT I CAN'T HOLD

OUT ANY LONGER—TWO WEEKS AGO, YOU

TOOK ME TO SEE A MICKEY MOUSE

PICTURE—THERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME,
I SAW THE MAN OF MY DREAMS—I'M ON

MY WAY TO HOLLYWOOD TO SEE

DONALD DUCK—THE SIGHT OF HIM

ALONE WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE EVERY

FEATHER IN MY BREAST QUIVER—

GOOD-BYE—GLORIA

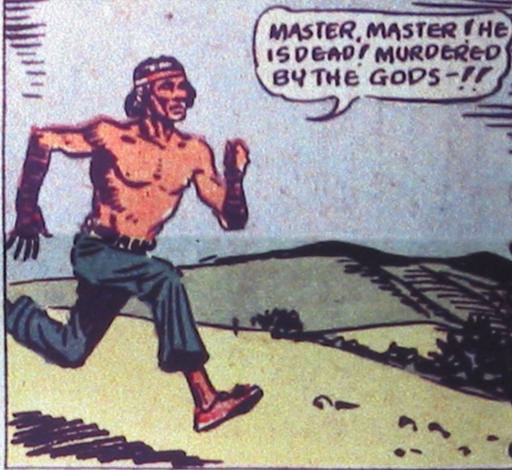
PS. I'LL DROP YOU AN EGG ONCE

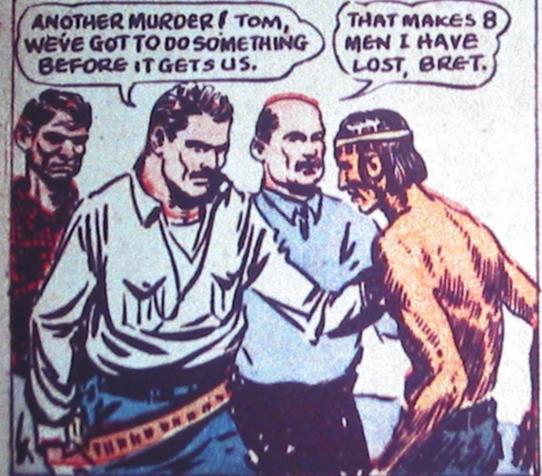
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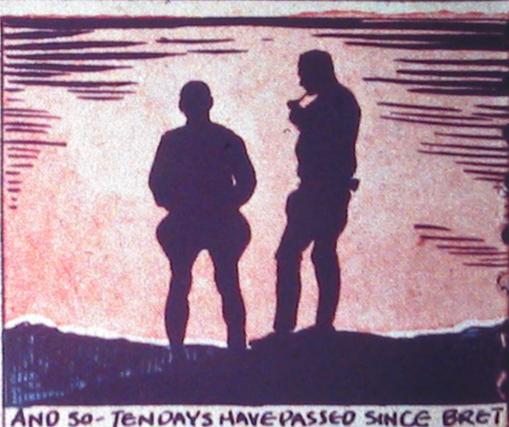
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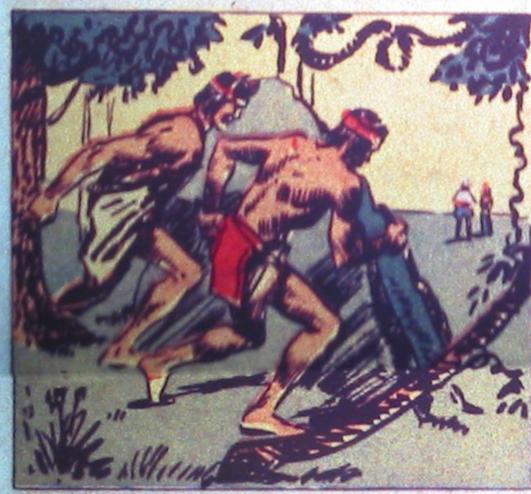


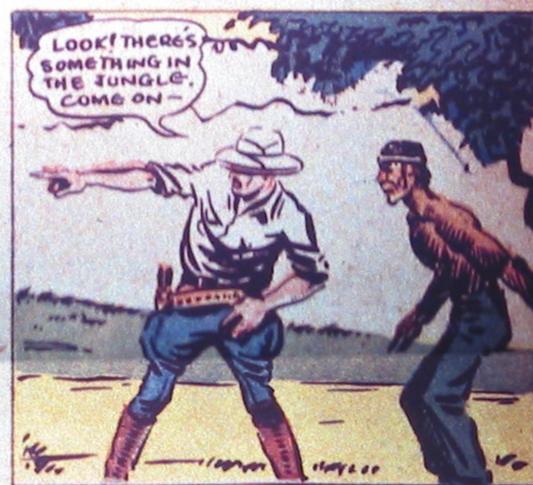


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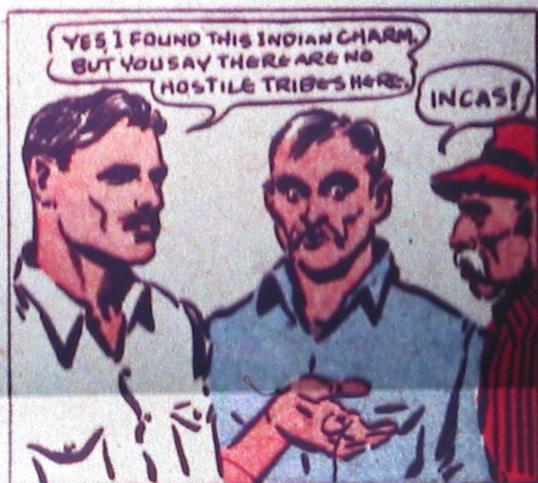






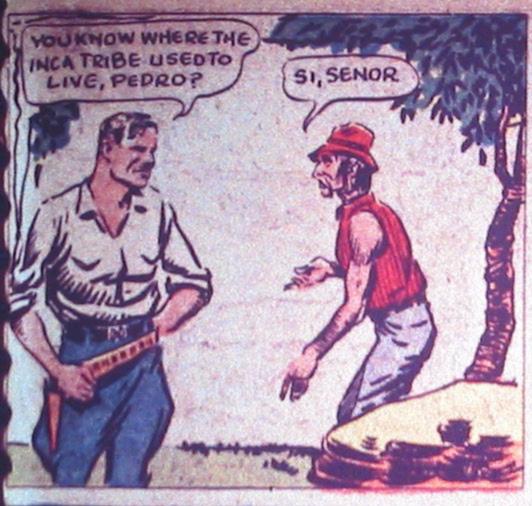


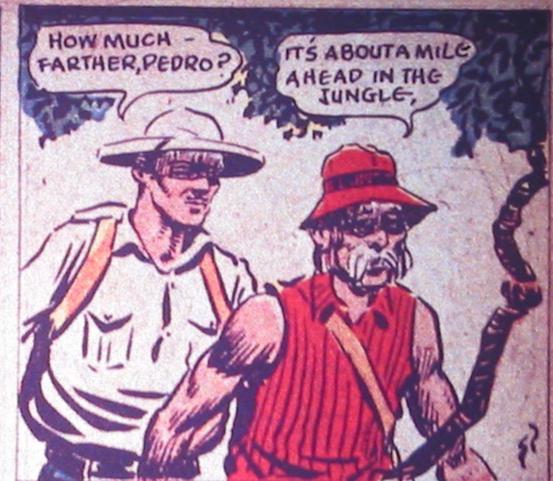


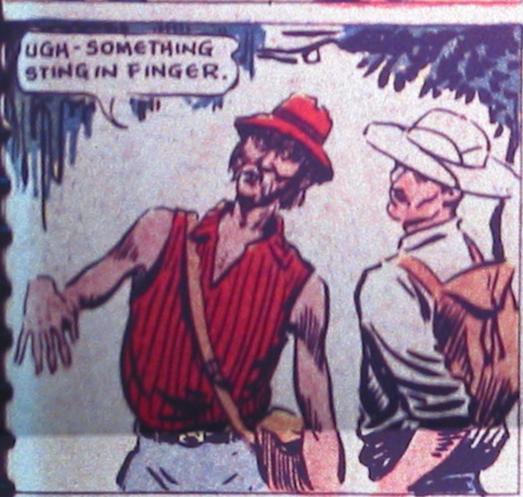




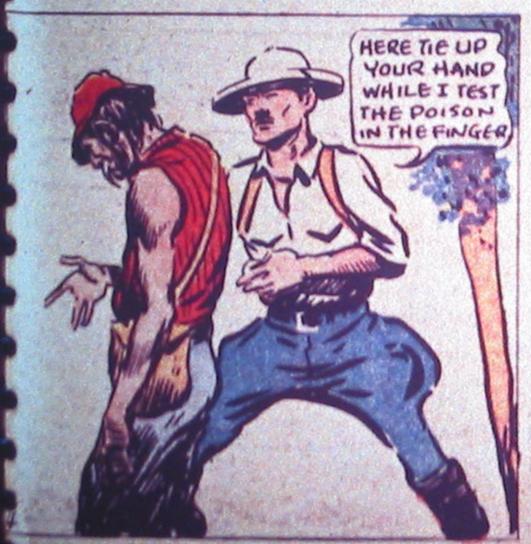


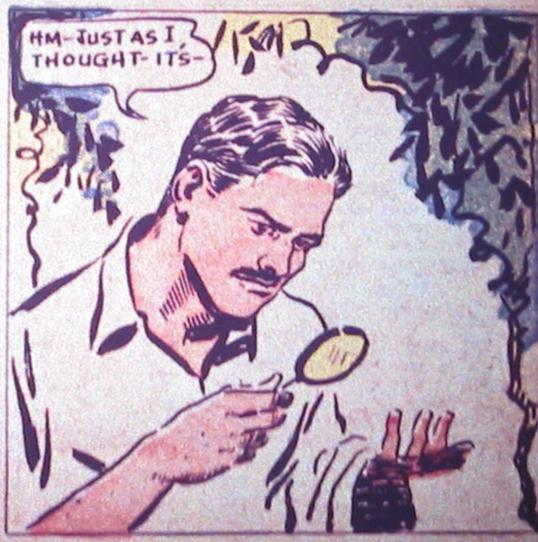




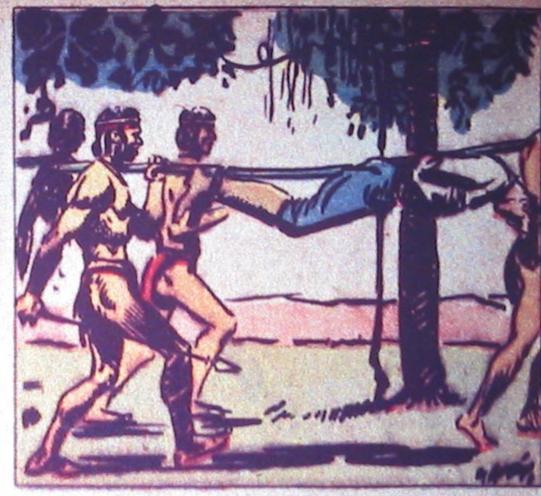






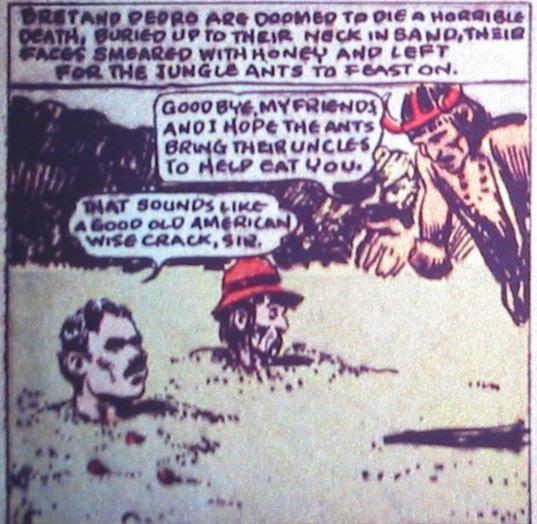




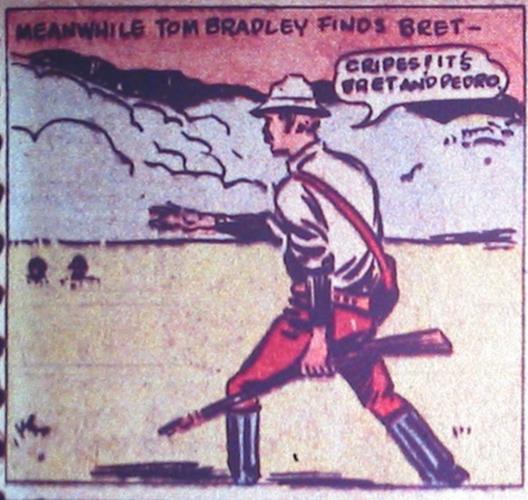










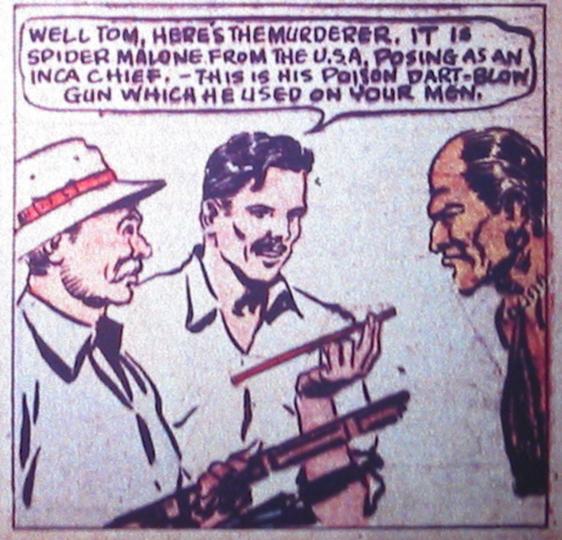


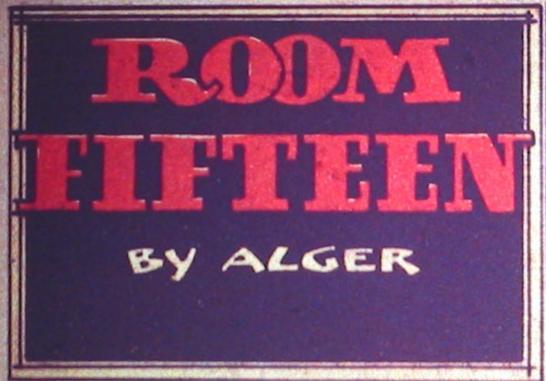


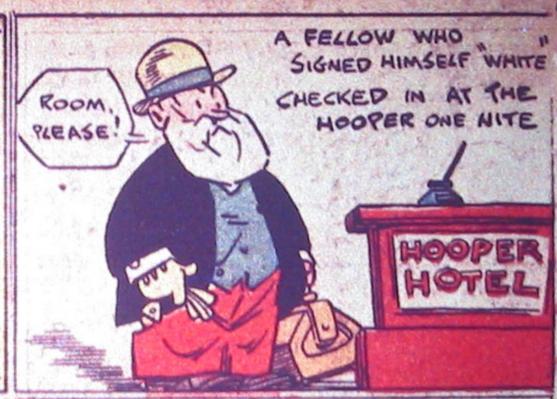


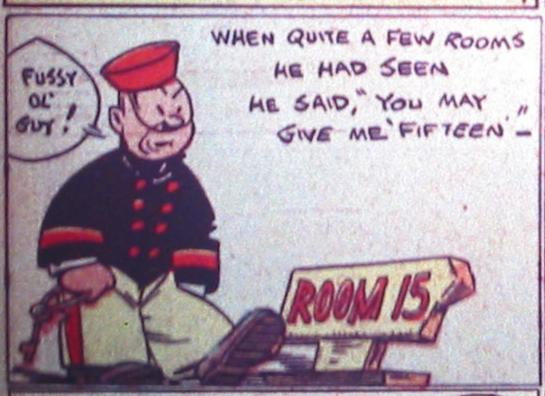


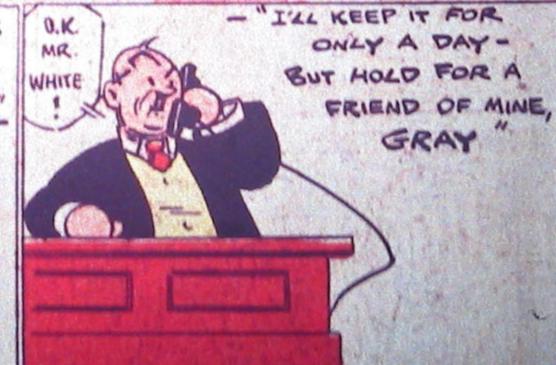


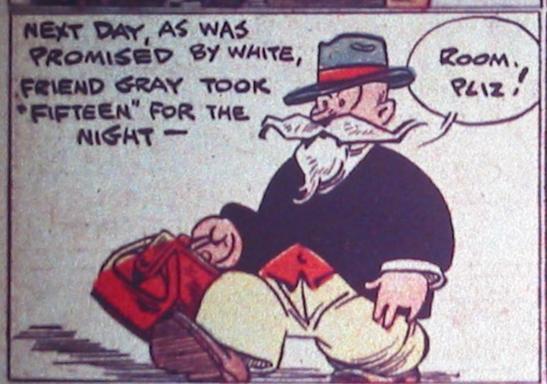




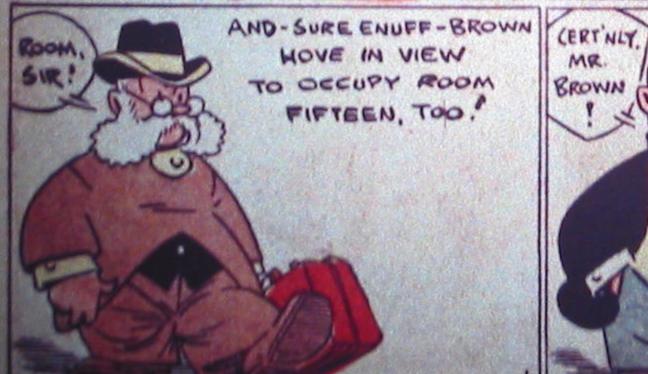


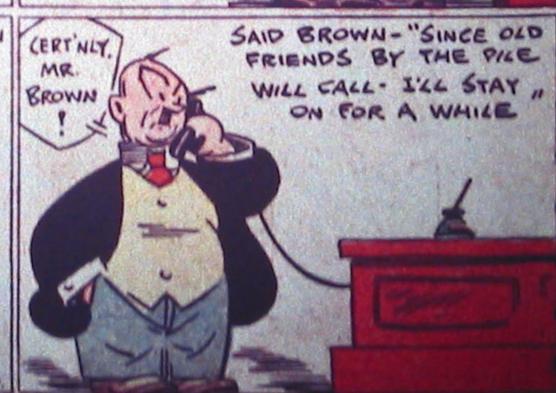






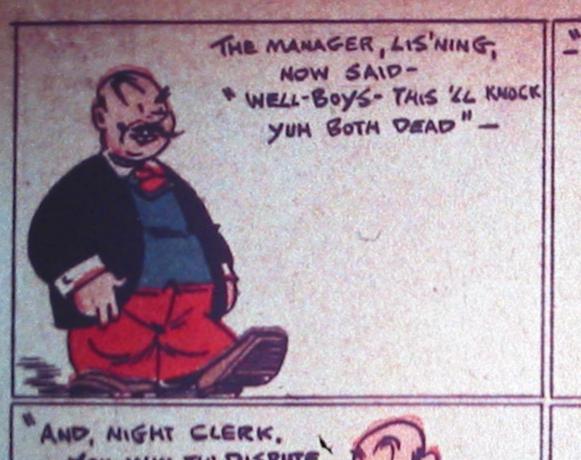


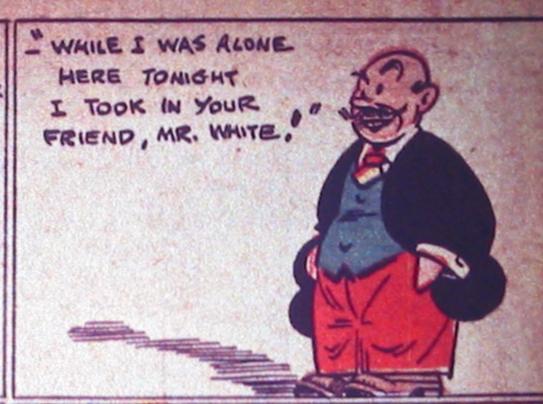


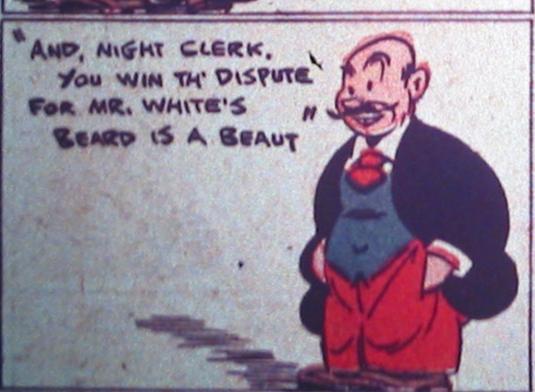


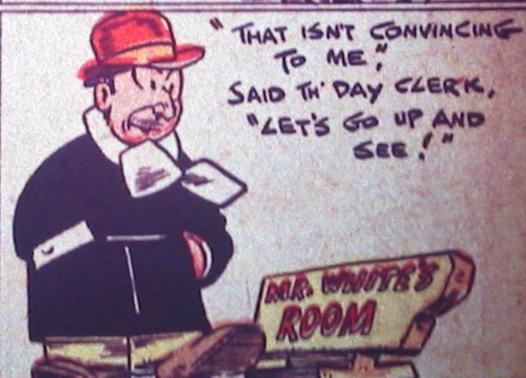






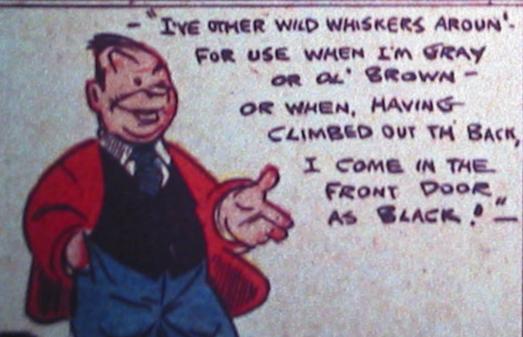






























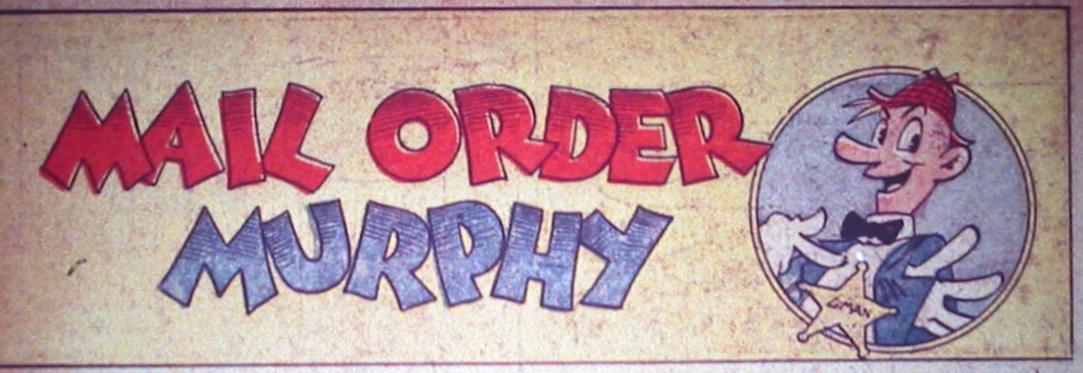






















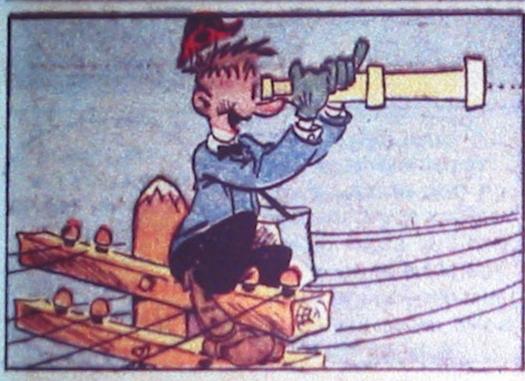










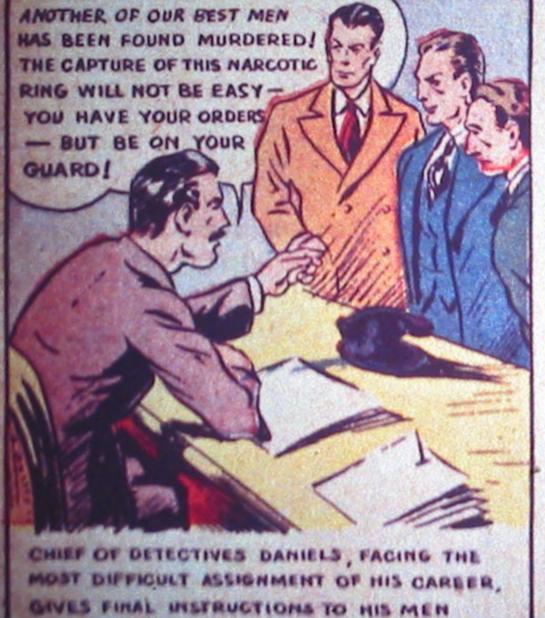












GOSH, CHIEF,
THE NEWSPAPERS ARE
ON OUR NECKS... TWO
REPORTERS ASSIGNED TO
GET THE STORY ON THIS
NARGOTIC GANG ARE
MISSING—I'M AFRAID
SOME HARM HAS COME
TO THEM—

THAT'S WHY I'M
CALLING ON CHANG
HE'S HELPED ME
A LOT ON PREVIOUS
CASES THAT HAVE
BAFFLED ME



DANIELS DECIDES TO ENLIST THE SERVICES
OF CHANG - A WEALTHTY ORIENTAL - A
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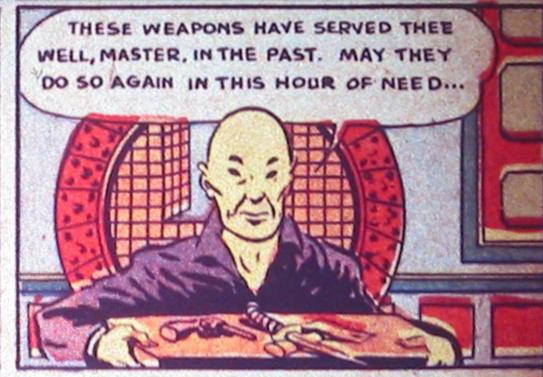


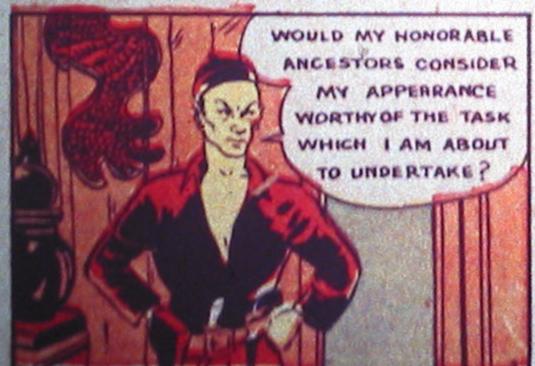






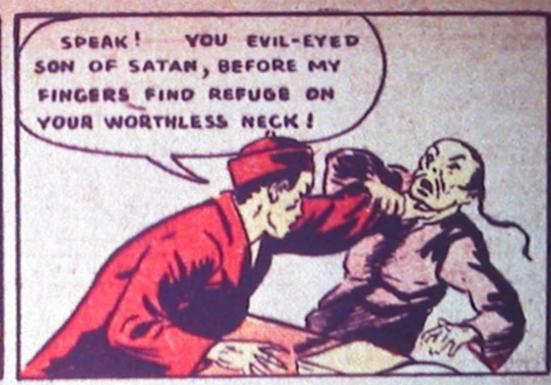














CHANG HIDES BEHIND THE CURTAIN, WATCHING THE SHADY TRANS-ACTION



CHANG
POLLOWS
THE AGENT
OF THE
NARCOTIC
RING HOPING
TO FIND
THEIR
HIDEOUT

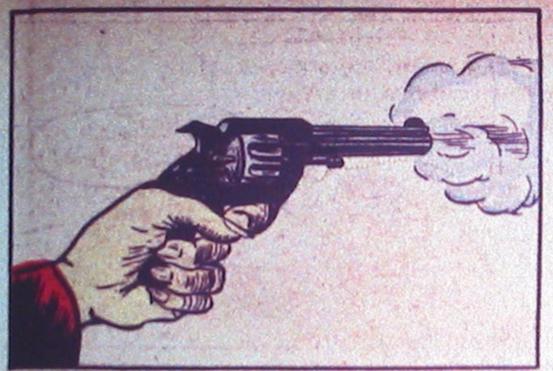


IN A
DESERTED
PART OF
THE CITY,
IN AN
OLD,
BATTERED
HOUSE—
THE
GANG'S
HIDEOUT















CHANG FREES THE TWO CAPTIVE REPORTERS AND SEEKS A FREE EXIT

THIS MUST BE
THEIR HEADQUARTERS

-ST'S FILLED WITH
NARCOTICS!

THE WORST CUT-THROATS IN
THE COUNTRY -THEY'VE
STOPPED AT
NOTHING!

SURPRISED SUDDENLY BY THE GANGSTERS, THEIR ESCAPE IS CUT OFF...



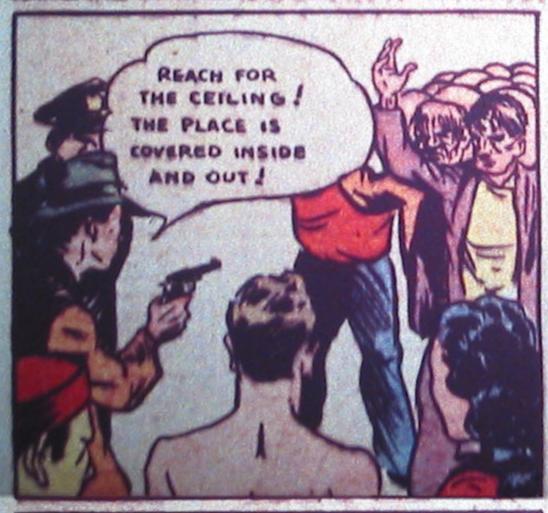


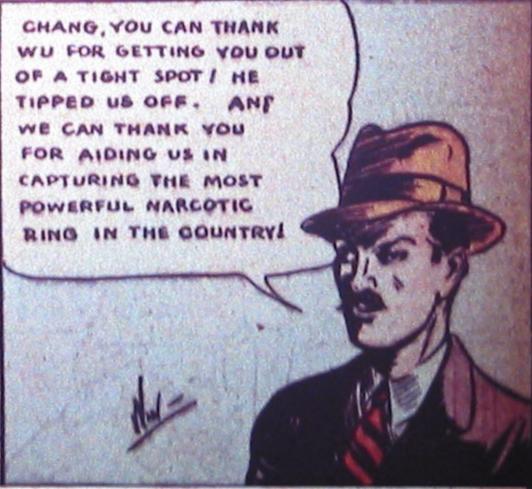




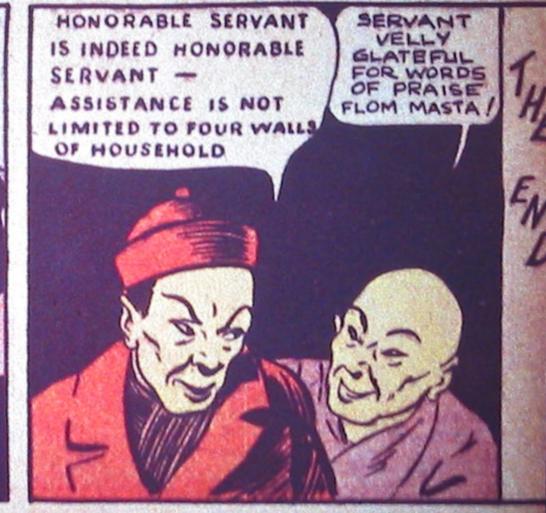












THE PHANTOM OF DISGUISE ILLUSTRATED BY SVEN ELVÉN













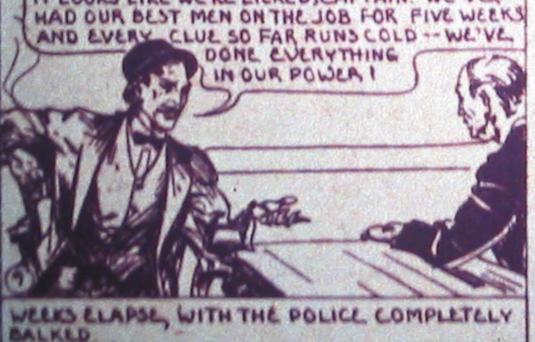


IN HIS OFFICE, INSPECTOR FLINT CHEWS HIS CICAR IN DESPERATION AS HE FAILS TO MAKE ANY PROGRESS.



RELUCTANTLY, HE CALLS IN THE AID OF SEVERAL OTHER DETECTIVES.

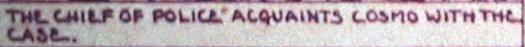






IN COMPLETE DESPAIR THE CHIEF CALLS IN COMO. A BRILLIANT YOUNG MAN WHO HAS SOLVED SOME OF THE MOST BAFFLING CRIMED.















A WEEK LATER YOUNG BENSON OF THE POLICE DEPART.
MENT, DETAILED TO ONE OF
THE BIG STORES, SEES SOMETHING THAT AROUSES HIS
SUSPICION.

AN ELDERLY MAN STOPS TO MAKE A PURCHASE AT THE TOBACCO COUNTER AND TENDERS A TWENTY DOLLAR
BILL TO THE CLERK
IN THE JOSTLING OF THE
CROWD, THE MAN'S HAT IS
ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED OFF,
DISCLOSING TO THE KEEN
EYES OF THE DETECTIVE
WHAT APPEARS TO BE A
BISARRANGED FALSE WIG



SENSING HIMSELF DETECTED, THE MAN ATTEMPTS A QUICK GET-



BENSON, HOWEVER, CLINGS TO HIS TRAIL LIKE



HECTICALLY THE PURSUIT CONTINUES THROUGH THE STREETS AND TOWARD THE SHABBIER SECTION OF THE CITY.



THE DETECTIVE PRETENDS TO LOSE HIS MAN BY DIVING BEHIND A PARKED TRUCK, STILL KELPING HIS QUARRY IN SIGHT.



THE DISGUISED MAN, APPARENTLY RELIEVED,



BENSON, GUARDEDLY CONTINUING HIS PURSUIT, SEES HIS MAN FURTIVELY SIDLE INTO THE SHADOW OF A LARGE STORAGE-BUILDING



THE SLEUTH DRAWS CLOSER AND DISCOVERS A SMALL DOORWAY THROUGH WHICH HIS MAN MUST HAVE DIS-



CHATES AND BARRELS



TAINTLY, HE HEARS THE POOTSTEPS OF SOME ONE GOING UPA FLIGHT OF STAIRS HE REMOVES HIS SHOES AND FOLLOWS THE SOUND.



ASHIS MAN COMES INTO SIGHT, BENSON LEVELS



INTO A SMALLER ROOM, THE SLEUTH AT HIS HEELS



ABOUT TO GRAB HIS MAN, BENSON IS SENT BOWL-ING AS HE RUNS FULL TILT AGAINST A SLAMMED-SHUT IRON DOOR.



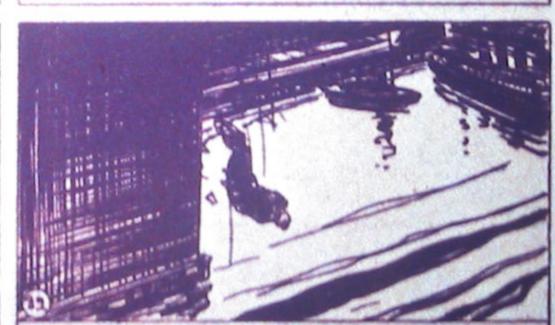
A SECOND CLANG OF A DOOR BEHIND HIM AND THE DETECTIVE IS CLEVERLY TRAPPED IN A PRISON OF STEEL AND BRICK



AFTER AN INTERMINABLE TIME SEVERAL ARMED VICIOUS-LOOKING MEN STREAK TOWARD THE CELL OF BENSON.



SHORT BUT SHARP TUSSLE FOLLOWS, ENDING WITH THE DULL THUD OF A BODY



THE CRASH OF A WINDOW AND A SHAPE COMES HURT-LING THROUGH THE AIR, TO DISAPPEAR INTO THE MURKY WATERS OF THE RIVER BELOW.



A FEW DAYS LATER THE TRUSSED AND BATTERED BODY OF BENSON IS DRAGGED FROM THE RIVER BY THE POLICE.



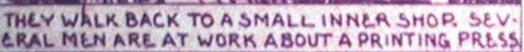
THERE IS GREAT ACTIVITY, AS'
MEN ARE HURRYING BACK AND FORTH, CARRYING
CASES OF OLIVE OIL CHIEF PRODUCT OF THE BATINI IMPORTING COMPANY.



I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA

IN A SMALL PRIVATE OFFICE SITS A SWARTHY, COARSE



















CLAUS RED DRAGON



SECURELY BOUND AND GAGGED BY
POWERFUL CHINAMEN, BRUCE NELSON
IS LIFTED FROM THE FLOOR AND
CARRIED -



THRU SOME SWINGING DOORS AND DOWN A



THEY TURNED TO THE RIGHT AND WENT DOWN SOME STEPS INTO THE DANK ATMOSPHERE OF A CELLAR.



PRESENTLY HE FELT THE GENTLE BEAT OF TRAIN
AGAINST HIS CLOTHING AND SENSED THE
PRESH AIR OF OUT-OF-DOORS.



HERE HIS CAPTORS PAUSED, PLACING HIM ON HIS
FEET. HE HEARD THEM WHISPERING TO EACH
OTHER IN CHINESE, SOME OF WHICH HE UNDERSTOOD







HE FELT GUSTS OF COOL CLEAR AIR AND SURMISED



THERE WAS A TRUSH OF PATTERNING POOTSTEPS. THE GITINO OF GERTS, AND AS HE JETRIED AT THE SILVEN COVER WHICH BOUND HIS HEAD HE HEARD THE CAR MAPIOLY DISAPPEARING IN THE DISTANCE.



ONCE AGAIN HE'S CARRIED, INTO A NARROW ALLEY, AND SHOVED INTO THE TRAR SEAT OF AN AUTOMOBILE.



THE CAR MOVED THRU HEAVY TRAFFIC, TOARED UNDER



AFTER ABOUT ANHOUR THE CAR STOPPED STRONG HAND LIFTED HIM OUT. SUDDENLY HE FELT THE ROPE ABOUT HIM SEVERED AND HIS ARMS AND LEGS WERE FREE.



GONE OUT NOT PORCOTTEN. - WELL! TO BETTER ST



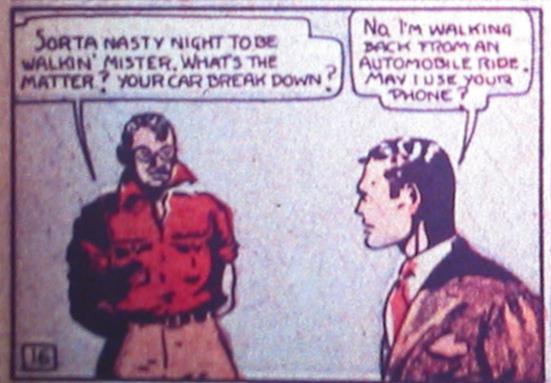




AFTER TWENTY OR THIRTY MINUTES STEADY WALKING NELSON FINALLY SAW A LIGHT AHEAD AT THE SIDE OF THE TROAD.







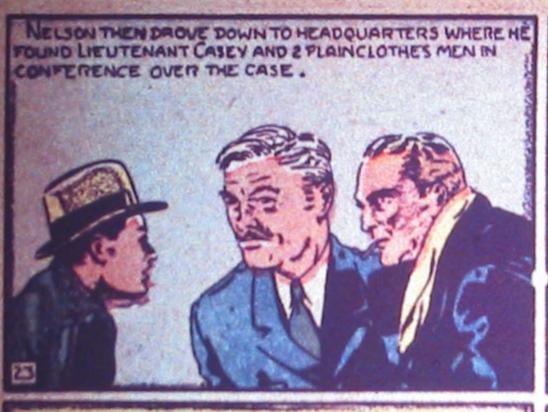
BRUCE IMMEDIATELY CALLED UP THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND RELATED HIS STORY TO A SCEPTICAL, GRUFF-VOICED LIEUTENANT.



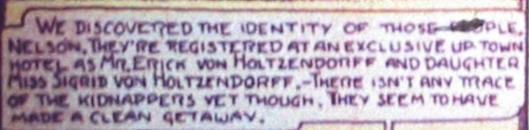




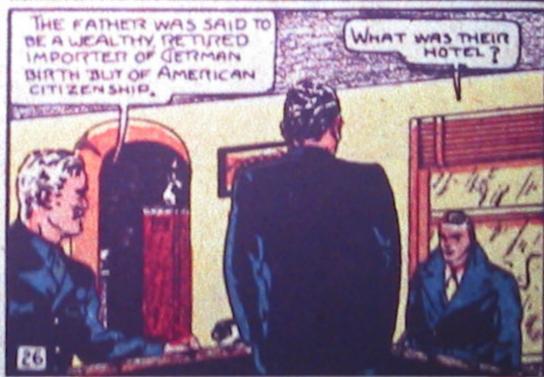


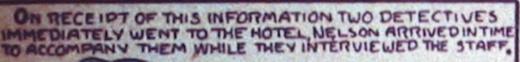




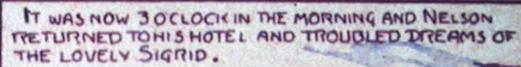




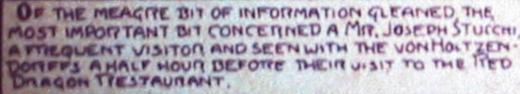








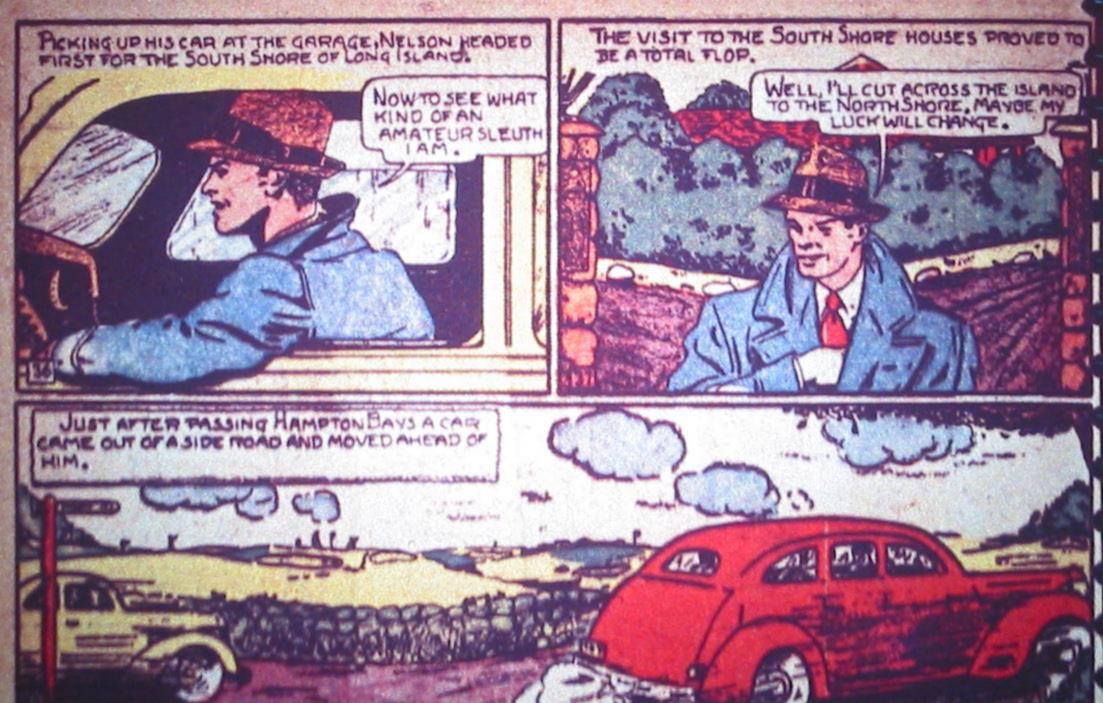
















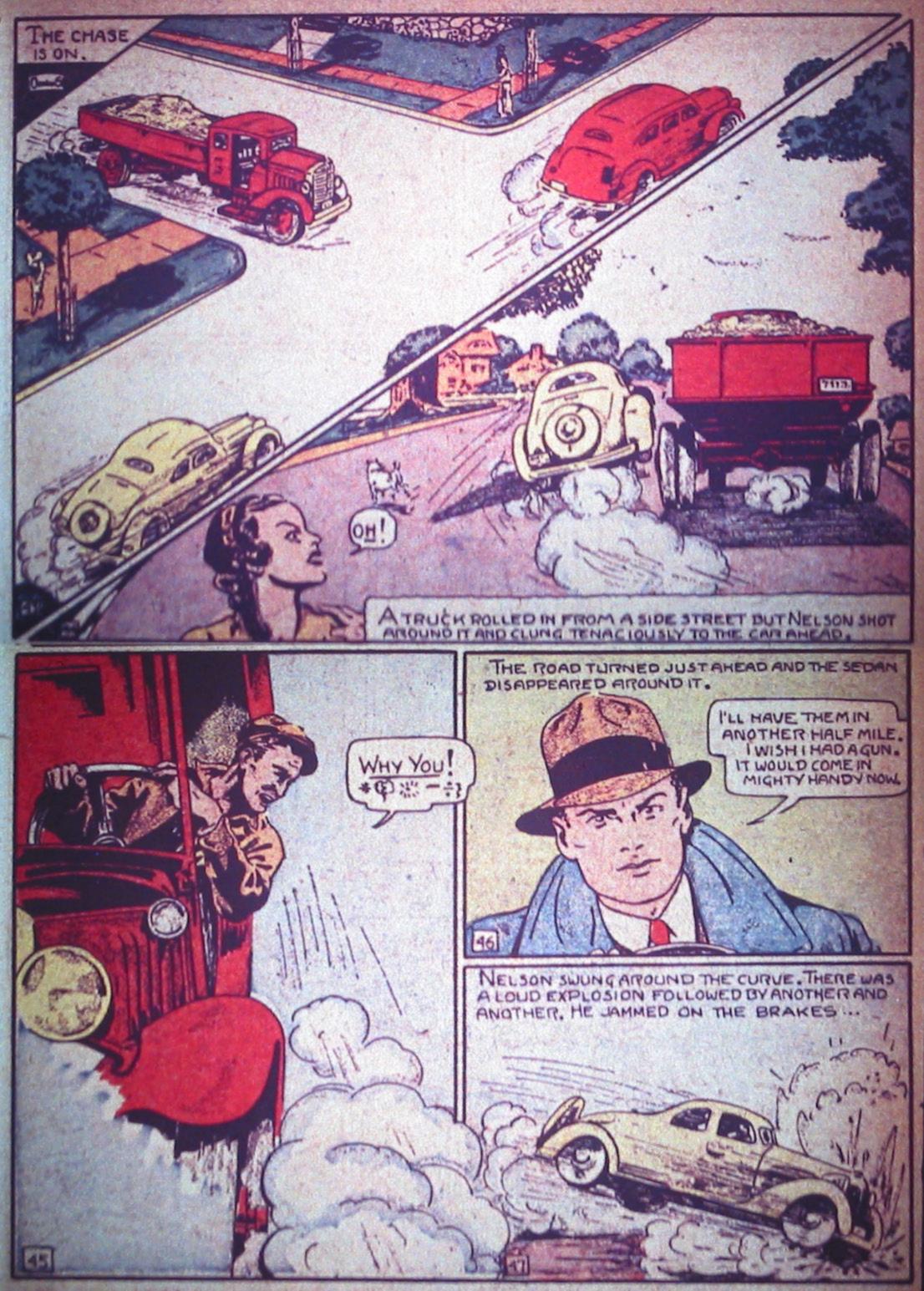




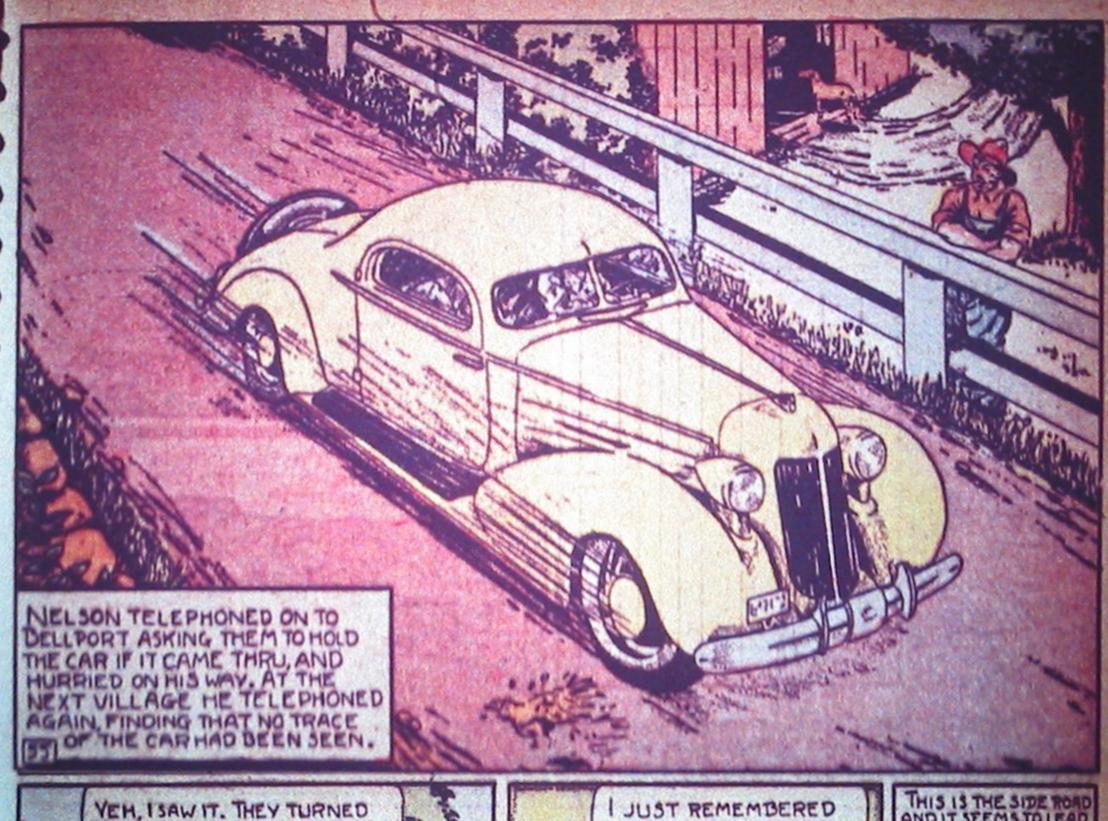


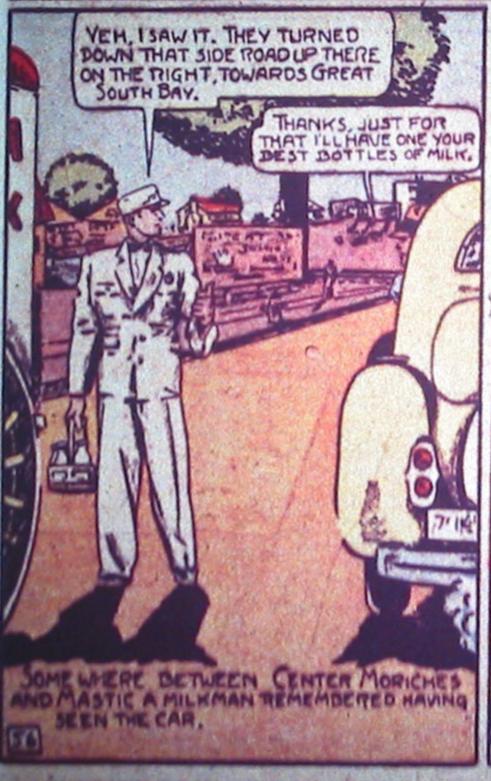














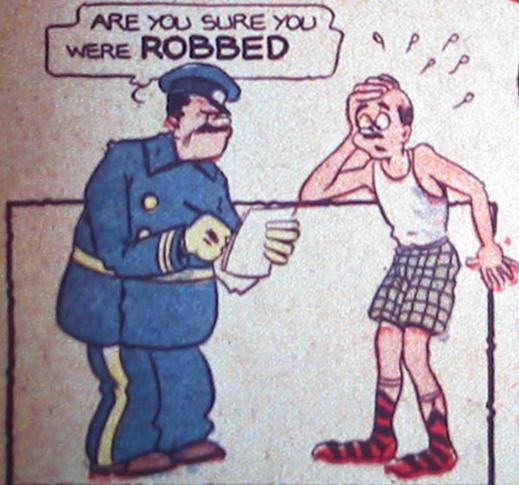


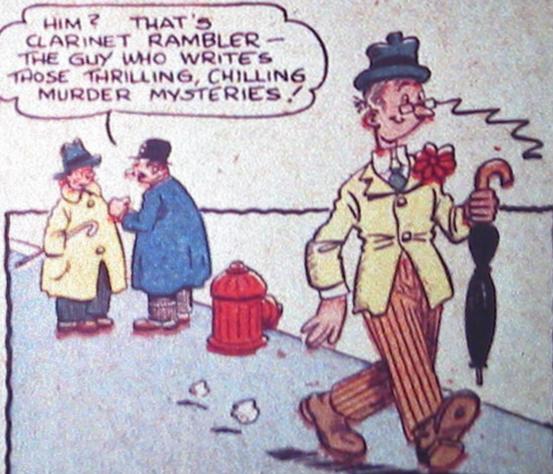
NELSON CAME AT LAST TO A LONE HOUSE SET BACK AMIDST TREES ON THE SHORE. IT WAS WALLED IN AND THE GREAT GATEWAY WAS CLOSED. MOST IMPORTANT WERE THE SCULPTORED LIONS ON THE GATEPOSTS.











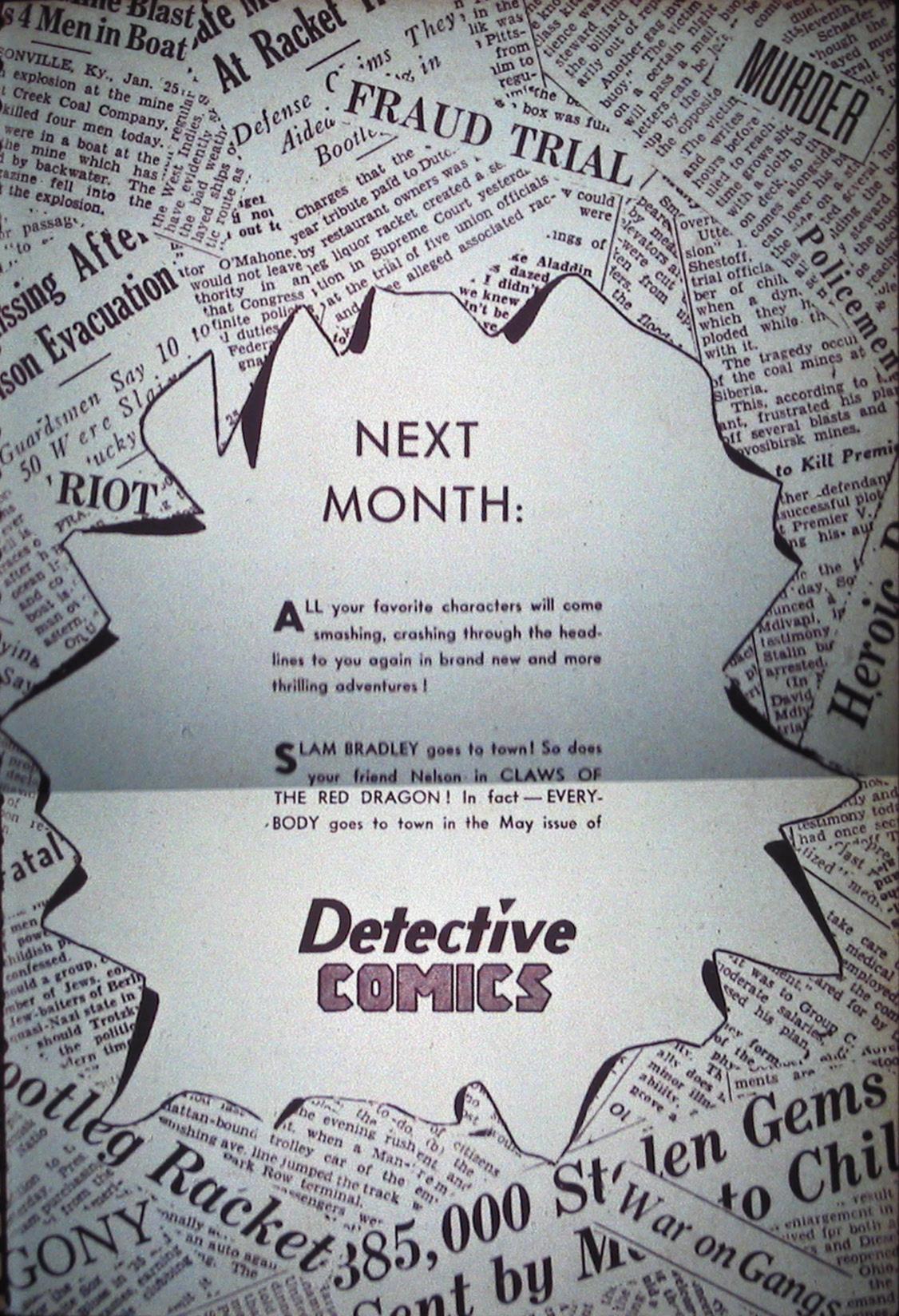












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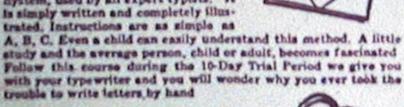
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